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TITLE OF INVENTION: DESIGN METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ACHIEVING A MINIMUM MACHINE CYCLE FOR SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUITS

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